

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 9193
Kazuaki OKUNO et al.)	
Application No.: 10/573,821)	Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: March 28, 2006)	Examiner: Sheridan L. Swope

For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 14, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants attach a petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the period of response until on or before September 14, 2009. The Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.

Note: The present response is filed along with a PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.144. The application and accompanying petition should be forwarded to the Group Director for decision, before the Examiner acts on the present response.